

## A BIG MIDNIGHT BLAZE.

TWO VIRGINIA-STREET WAREHOUSES PARTIALLY DESTROYED.

Watkins &amp; Holladay's Establishment and William McBain &amp; Co's Oil and Paint House Burned Out—Dense Smoke.

A alarm of fire was turned in at Box 14, Thirteenth and Cary streets, at 12:14 o'clock this morning. The blaze was located in Virginia street, below Cary, in the warehouses occupied by Watkins & Holladay, dealers in grain, hay and mill-feed, No. 110, and William McBain & Co., wholesale oils and paints, 108.

A still alarm was first turned in at the engine-house of No. 7, 910 east Cary street. When this company arrived a general alarm was promptly pulled at 34 box, as stated. This made, naturally, a little delay on the part of the fire department in starting their work.

They soon had plenty of water on the houses. The presence of so much inflammable material in No. 108, in the shape of varnish, gasoline, benzine, linseed oil, &c., raised fears of an explosion which were, happily, not realized, through the efforts of the fire department directed by Chief Fuller.

The property, fronting some 60 feet on Virginia street, running back to an alley about 75 feet, belonged to the Crenshaw Warehouse Company.

Mr. S. Dabney Crenshaw, the president of the company, told me he did not know exactly the insurance on it, but believed it to be fully covered.

He had bought it from Mr. A. S. Lee last spring and paid the premiums for insurance regularly since. He was sure the loss was fully covered by insurance, he repeated, and it was placed in the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia.

The hook and ladder truck No. 1, from Broad near Ninth, ran into a lamp-post at the corner of Ninth and Broad, going to the fire and smashed a wheel, owing to the wild behavior of one of the horses, which disabled the apparatus.

The driver had a narrow escape from being crushed to death.

The smoke at this fire was very dense, and this, added to the thick fog which prevailed, rendered it difficult for the firemen to work.

The only person representing the firms whose places were on fire was a young man who traveled for the oil people (McBain & Co.). As his business was exclusively on the road, he knew nothing of the office affairs, and could give no information as to insurance.

## THE MILITARY CLUB

Moved Into New Quarters—An Election of Officers.

The Military Club of Virginia met in annual session at their rooms last evening, and an election of officers was held. The club has now a suite of rooms over McCarthy & Haynes' store, on Broad near Seventh street, which was formerly occupied by the Elks. Recently the Military Club took possession, and the rooms have been fitted out in a beautiful manner. The walls have been papered with expensive and tasteful work, and the floors carpeted. About the walls are some of the best engravings to be found in America. Nothing could surpass them except the originals, and they adorn and beautify the rooms to a great extent. As a whole the furnishings will compare favorably with many more pretentious club-houses, and the officers who are members of the club are enthusiastic over the bright prospects.

The club has just about fifty members. All commissioned officers of the State military or men who served honorably in the Confederate or United States services, or retired militia officers are eligible to membership.

After the meeting last evening those present gathered about the punch-bowl, and the best of wit and humor prevailed. Subsequent William Gibson, steward of the club, was on hand to see that all were made as happy and as comfortable as possible, and he well performed his task. He is a splendid sergeant and a splendid steward.

The officers elected last night were as follows: Captain Lewis D. Crenshaw, president; Major J. H. Dinneen, vice-president; Captain W. T. Mosby, secretary; Captain B. A. Jacobs, treasurer. Members were elected as follows: Hon. H. W. Flournoy, Hon. George D. Wills, Edward Tazewell, Elliott, Captain W. B. Pizini, Captain C. V. Carrington, Lieutenant George B. Pegrain.

Among those present were: Brigadier-General Charles J. Anderson, Colonel Henry C. Jones, Colonel G. Percy Hawes, Major W. E. Simons, Major Merritt Jones, Captain John H. Hutcheson, Captain W. Fred Pleasants, Captain Edgerton E. Rogers, Captain B. A. Jacob, Captain W. B. Pizini, Captain Lewis D. Crenshaw, Captain E. Mulford Crutchfield, Lieutenant Van de Venter, Lieutenant Charles A. Rose, Lieutenant George Pegrain.

The following enlistments were made last week at the First Virginia regiment: Company A—David J. Holbert, Conrad Trumm, E. P. Eubank, W. B. Dickinson, Company C—William W. White, F. A. Worthington, O. F. Sutton, W. Harry Cardozo.

Company D—C. H. Hazlegrove, G. F. Stewart.

Hospital Corps—L. T. Marston, Drum Corps—Harry E. Matthews, Corporals James P. Fox and Russell E. Nowell have been appointed sergeants of Company F, with rank from December 24th.

On next Thursday night will be begun the armory lectures to the hospital corps by Major Kuyk and Captain Charles N. Carrington.

## AMUSEMENTS FOR THE WEEK.

George Wilson's Minstrels and "A Royal Pass" at the Richmond Theatre.

"George Wilson," the popular minstrel, will pay us another visit next Wednesday night, when he will introduce at the Richmond Theatre for popular approval his brand-new show. Since his appearance here earlier in the season, he has made many changes in his company, and promises his many friends here the best company he has ever brought them.

Associated with him now as principal comedian is Mr. Charles Goodyear, a comedian well known here from former visits at the head of his own organization. The first part, finale, the afterpiece and all the music has been changed, and many new faces will be seen.

Mr. Goodyear will be seen on the old opposite Mr. Wilson, also in the principal comedy role in the afterpiece, "Blind-Idiot-of-Lime," which is promised to be rarely funny.

"A Royal Pass."

At the Richmond Theatre Friday and Saturday next will appear George Wilson in his successful comedy-drama, "A Royal Pass." Although George Staley has never visited us previous to this season, he has established a reputation in other cities that entitles him to a respectful consideration. He is a sweet singer, and introduces some very beautiful songs and lullabies during the course of the play. "A Royal Pass" is highly interesting and amusing, is richly and picturesquely costumed, and interpreted by a strong company. Of the scenic effects promised is a locomotive race, in which two large, handsome engines are seen to cross the stage at a high rate of speed. In witnessing this greatest of railroad scenes you become thoroughly wrapped up in its startling realistic nature, and you forget for the moment that it is only a stage picture. The engine drivers turning swiftly around, the hissing noise of escaping steam, whistles blowing, bells ringing, and the engineers and firemen seen at their posts, each striving to outdo the other in the race. You instinctively become so inspired and worked up that you cannot imagine it otherwise than real.

"The Senator."

Mr. William H. Crane, the comedian, will play an engagement of four nights



UNCLE SAM: "Come, now, Johnny, I think I'll look after this myself."

and Saturday matinee, commencing on Wednesday, December 21st, at the Academy of Music, presenting for the first time in Richmond his great comedy success, "The Senator." This play ran for two entire seasons at the Star Theatre, New York, to crowded houses, and its success in all the large cities of the country has been just as great. Mr. Crane will be supported here by the same company with one or two exceptions as was seen in this play during its New York run. The scenery will all be new, and judging from the inquiry for seats, the attendance will be large during the entire engagement. Sale of seats will commence on Monday, December 19th.

## Barton Heights.

The last meeting of the Literary Society was a delightful one. Parts were taken by Misses Mabel Ginn and Sallie Montgomery, Mrs. J. E. Turpin and Messrs. W. R. Miller and J. H. Barton.

Miss Alice King, daughter of General Horatio King, of New York, is visiting Miss Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Bache gave an entertainment last week in honor of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Harden, of Louisville, Ky.

An interesting Bible class has been formed and will meet every Thursday at the house of Mr. H. C. Wilkins, on North avenue.

To-night Rev. Dr. Pitt preaches on "Ezekiel's Vision in the Valley of Dry Bones."

The postoffice will be moved to the store of Rowden & Deuel. There will also be telephone and telegraphic connections. Mr. George A. Bowden will be postmaster and operator.

The Cotton Club had a very pleasant entertainment Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. James H. Barton gave an elegant reception Thursday night. Over one hundred persons were present, including a number of Richmond people.

The minstrel show for the benefit of the fire company will be given at the Wigwam December 15th at 8 o'clock.

Two new dwellings are being erected on Monteiro street north of the viaduct, and the demand for houses is greater than the supply.

## The Heptasoph.

The annual meeting of Virginia Conclave Improved Order of Heptasophia was held at Wilkinson's Hall on Thursday evening, December 8th. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Archon, Mrs. William Stephens; Provost, Mr. J. M. Gentry; Prelate, Mr. John P. Bethel; Warden, Mr. Thomas Chesapeake; Sentinel, Mr. B. McCoy; Inspector, Mr. L. C. Krake; Secretary, Mr. George W. Hunter; Financial Secretary, Mr. Henry Tyler; Treasurer, Mr. R. W. Thompson.

Mrs. A. W. Rose, past archon, was elected next delegate to the Heptasophia convention to be held at Atlantic City in June, 1893. Mr. J. S. Parrish, past archon, was elected delegate.

The trustees for Virginia Conclave are Hon. S. B. Witt, Hon. Conway R. Sands and Mrs. J. S. Parrish. After the business meeting these present adjourned to discuss the annual dinner.

## Mr. Mountjoy Walker.

Mr. Mountjoy Walker, who has been stopping with his father here for some weeks, and having recovered from his serious accident in Brooklyn six months ago, has accepted for the present a position in the New York Church Opera Choir Company and was summoned by telegraph last evening and left on the 7 P. M. train. He will appear in "La Macotte" as Rocco, and Fiskow in "The Black Hussar." These characters he has appeared in here and elsewhere in the McCall Opera Company. It is regretted by many friends of Mr. Walker that he was not heard in his specialties while sojourning here during the last two months.

## The Davis House.

Mr. Mark Davis, of the Davis House, told me yesterday that all details in the sale of that property to Mr. John C. Small, of the Commercial House, have been consummated.

Mr. Small will take possession of the Davis House on the 1st of January. Mr. Davis told me that though he said it himself he would turn over to Mr. Small one of the best equipped houses in the South. After a rest of a fortnight Mr. Davis will leave for Detroit, Mich., where he will engage in business.

The old name of the Davis House will probably not be changed.

## Circuit Court.

In the suit of Robert Lee Powers against the supreme Sitting of the Order of Iron Hall, judgment for the plaintiff for \$200 was given.

Defendants in the suit of Charles Miller against the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company yesterday filed a bill of exceptions.

The following suit was instituted yesterday: Citizens' Bank of Richmond, Va., against James Sweeney and John Kelly, action of debt, damages \$250.

## WHO'S TO WIN HIM?

A Good Production of It—Also the Cantata, The Darling of the Year.

Several rehearsals have already taken place for the entertainment which is to be given for the benefit of the Women's Christian Association at the Mozart Academy on December 29th at 8:30 P. M. The arrangements of the affair are in the hands of the committee on ways and means, and the funds derived from the performance will be used for the fitting up of the interior of the building of the organization.

Mrs. Randolph L. Norris has kindly consented to take charge of the entertainment proper, which is to consist of the cantata-lifter comedietta, "Who's to Win Him?" in one act, and the cantata, "The Darling of the Year." Quite a number of well-known society ladies and gentlemen have consented to participate in the performance, and the cast will be as follows:

## "Who's to Win Him?"

Cyril Dashwood, a young officer in search of a wife, Mr. Eugene Massie.

Praterton Primrose, a middle-aged bachelor of an industrious turn, Mr. Malcolm Shackelford.

Mrs. Brunsleigh, a country lady, Miss Mary Preston Moore.

Rose, her daughter, Miss Jennie Bock.

Sylvia, a young lady fond of sport, Mrs. Randolph Latimer Norris.

Minnetta, a young lady fond of dancing, Mrs. C. C. Walker.

Minnetta, a young lady fond of dancing, Miss Sallie Cullen Epps.

Arabella, their friend, a young lady fond of flirtation, Mrs. J. H. Dinneen.

Miss May Lynch will during the intermission play a piano solo, and Mr. Malcolm Shackelford a banjo recitation.

The second part of the programme will be taken up by the cantata, with the following cast:

January ..... Miss Florence Peple

February ..... Miss Virginia Allen

March ..... Miss Florence Parker

April ..... Miss Mamie Jennings

May ..... Miss Nina Jones

June ..... Miss Bessie Hunter

July ..... Miss Cary Neblett

August ..... Miss Edith Jones

September ..... Miss Ada Simpkin

October ..... Miss Jessie Jones

November ..... Miss Mamie

December ..... Miss Lysle Tyler

## THE WATCH AND VEST.

A Peculiar Case Tried in the Police Court.

The Docket. In the police court yesterday the first case was that of Charles Vest (colored), charged with stealing a watch and chain from Mrs. Joseph Allard, Jr.

This theft, which the prisoner confessed, was committed while he was in the house acting as assistant to a well-

known undertaker, a death having occurred there.

The story of this remarkable case was told in yesterday's Times.

Mr. H. M. Smith, Jr., represented him, and his plea was intoxication at the time of the stealing. Vest was sent on to the grand jury.

Thomas Carter (colored) was charged with stealing an overcoat, valued at \$4, from Thomas Tallafiero. Carter was sent on and security in \$300 for twelve months required.

Clarence Ford, charged with assaulting Major Johnson, paid the costs, and Johnson was fined \$2.50 on cross warrant for striking Ford.

L. W. Swain was fined \$2.50 for fighting in the street, and an attachment was issued for Jim Davis, charged with the same offense. Swain was also up for striking J. B. Gentry. This charge was dismissed.

Lewis Johnson (colored) was charged with disorder and fighting in the Third market, and the case was continued till Monday.

Nancy Payne (colored) paid the costs for attempting to cut Fannie Harris, and Frances Branch (colored) was made to give \$100 security for thirty days for striking Mary Robinson.

The following judgments were rendered from the civil docket:

T. G. Burton in favor of Edal Brothers..... \$20 85

Miss Kate McDonald in favor of John R. Goode (contested)..... 24 08

Mrs. Ella Lindsey in favor of J. R. Brady..... 12 96

E. W. Winter in favor of P. H. Carrington..... 17 50

T. P. Larus in favor of Mrs. R. A. Cauter..... 97 50

John H. Rose in favor of Dr. W. F. Farrar (contested)..... 6 00

George Donnelly in favor of Mrs. Catherine Boscher..... 64 10

Pauline La Count in favor of the Cohen Company..... 14 74

Zipora Peyer in favor of Amanda Pervall..... 15 00

A. R. Clark & Son in favor of Richmond Railway and Electric Company (contested)..... 7 28

Royal Backs in favor of J. W. Anderson..... 5 00

G. M. Evans in favor of same..... 8 00

P. A. S. Brine in favor of Joseph W. Biley..... 37 46

James T. Brown in favor of same..... 47 99

John H. Bush in favor of John H. Cline (contested)..... 7 50

Alexander Brown in favor of Mary Harrison..... 10 00

George I. Knight in favor of James C. Smith (contested)..... 40 09

J. G. Crouch in favor of M. L. Brown..... 57 24

Levi Woodson in favor of J. R. Myers & Co..... 25 00

John H. Cooper in favor of Slater, Myers & Co..... 59 00

Henry Vesper in favor of same..... 51 19

Mrs. Ann McDonough in favor of same..... 18 00

E. P. Ford in favor of Gates & Brown..... 73 72

G. W. Simpson in favor of same..... 47 80

G. W. Lalle Stear in favor of Lou R. Taylor..... 14 09

John H. Smith in favor of National Brewing Company..... 24 12

Margaret Miller in favor of Nannie Thornton..... 60

H. S. Jennings in favor of R. and E. Brewing Company..... 2 25

C. Gray Bossieux in favor of J. Monros Taylor Chemical Company..... 23 62

## SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

An Effort to Raise More Money for the Monument on Libby Hill.

The Confederate Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Association some time ago decided to call on the several counties of the State for contributions of \$100 each to pay for the completion of the monument, which is now in course of erection on Libby Hill.

The Association has just issued a circular letter for that purpose, which has been sent to the several county judges in the State. The letter, which is signed by President D. C. Richardson and Secretary Carlton McCarthy, contains the following:

It has never been the desire of the Association that this work should be one of merely local interest. It was intended that here, in the capital of the Confederacy, a monument of this character should be erected, in which every ex-Confederate, and all who respected the virtues of our soldiers and sailors and admired them for their patriotism and valor, might feel an interest. We trust that the monument shall be a tribute by all of our people to the constancy and patriotism, the courage and heroism of every Confederate soldier and sailor, and that it may stand for ages as a memorial to those men whose fortitude was equal to all their sufferings, whose courage failed not in the deadliest peril, who never faltered in their devotion to duty in the midst of disaster, and to the memory of those who sealed their constancy by heroic deaths.

## Pictures of the Southern People.

Not only in Richmond, but wherever they have shown the Southern company has made a very decided hit. Especially is this so with the children of the company who are so well remembered here. When the show was in Richmond Mr. W. W. Foster, the Ninth-street photographer, took several hundred negatives for these charming little people. As an evidence of their success, the house just ordered from Mr. Foster another large lot of the photographs. These pictures have had a wonderful sale throughout the whole country. Mr. Foster has been compelled to work his entire force overtime, and to put on extra help to meet this order, as it does just at the time of his big holiday rush. He has his work so well in hand, however, that negatives of Richmond people made this week can be completed in time for Christmas presents.

## Gold and Silver.

Of all the pretty windows on Broad street, few can compare with those of J. M. Chappel & Co., corner of Third and Broad. The array there of gold, silver and diamonds is simply grand. That, however, is simply a foretaste of what can be seen inside. The man, woman or child who can not find the Christmas present that he or she desires there is indeed hard to please. Not satisfied, however, with the enormous stock which they already have, Mr. J. M. Chappel is now in New York buying another large supply of gold and silver goods, which will be in the house in a few days.

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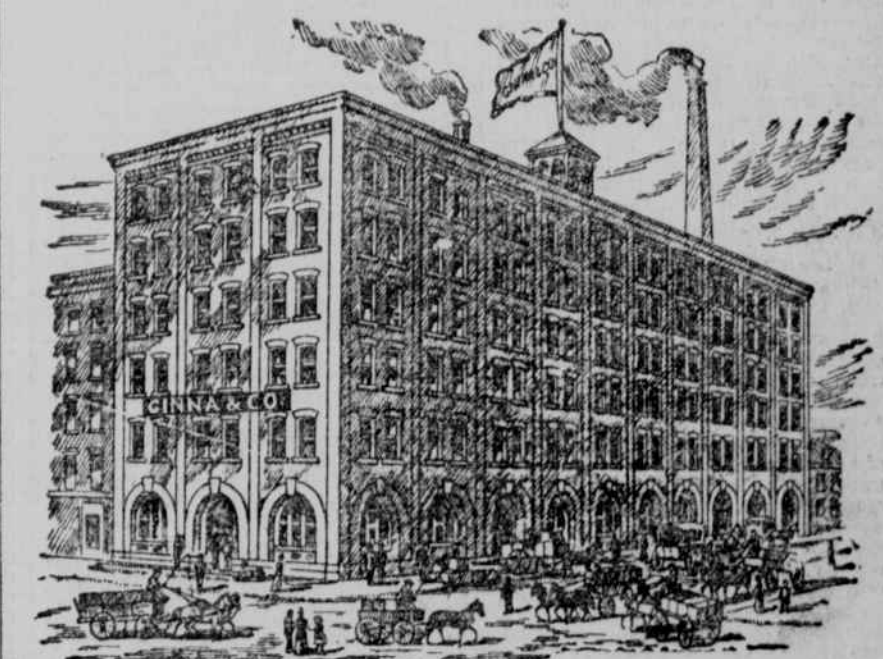
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